

A photograph of a bocce ball court at sunset. The sky is filled with colorful, wispy clouds in shades of orange, red, and blue. In the foreground, there are several wooden benches and a row of white canopy tents. A person is sitting on one of the benches on the right. A tall light pole stands in the middle ground. The overall scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source being the setting sun.

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A COMMUNITY RESOURCE

- **2,160 players on 240 teams**
- **Charity fund-raisers**
- **MBF tournaments**



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FINANCES

- **Income**
- **Expenses**
 - **Maintenance**
 - **Operations**
- **Reserve fund**



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“Martinez: A Community of Bocce”

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Welcome!

Open to the public.

Welcome to the Martinez bocce ball courts, home of the nation's largest bocce group, the Martinez Bocce Federation. This facility is a public park, open dawn to dusk except by permit, all city park rules apply. No smoking, vaping or tobacco use permitted.

**Martinez Bocce Federation league play mid-April-
mid October.**

Monday through Friday 5pm-10pm

Thursdays 11:00am- 3:00pm/5pm-10pm

Saturday rentals available through the Bocce federation

Sundays 5:00pm-9pm

This facility is closed when wet and subject to damage.

No play on courts with cones please.

Direct Saturday rental inquiries, questions or concerns to
www.martinezboccefederation.com

[Police/public works dispatch \(925\)372-3440](tel:9253723440)

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Community Survey: Proposed Fence Around the Ken Dothee Bocce Courts

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

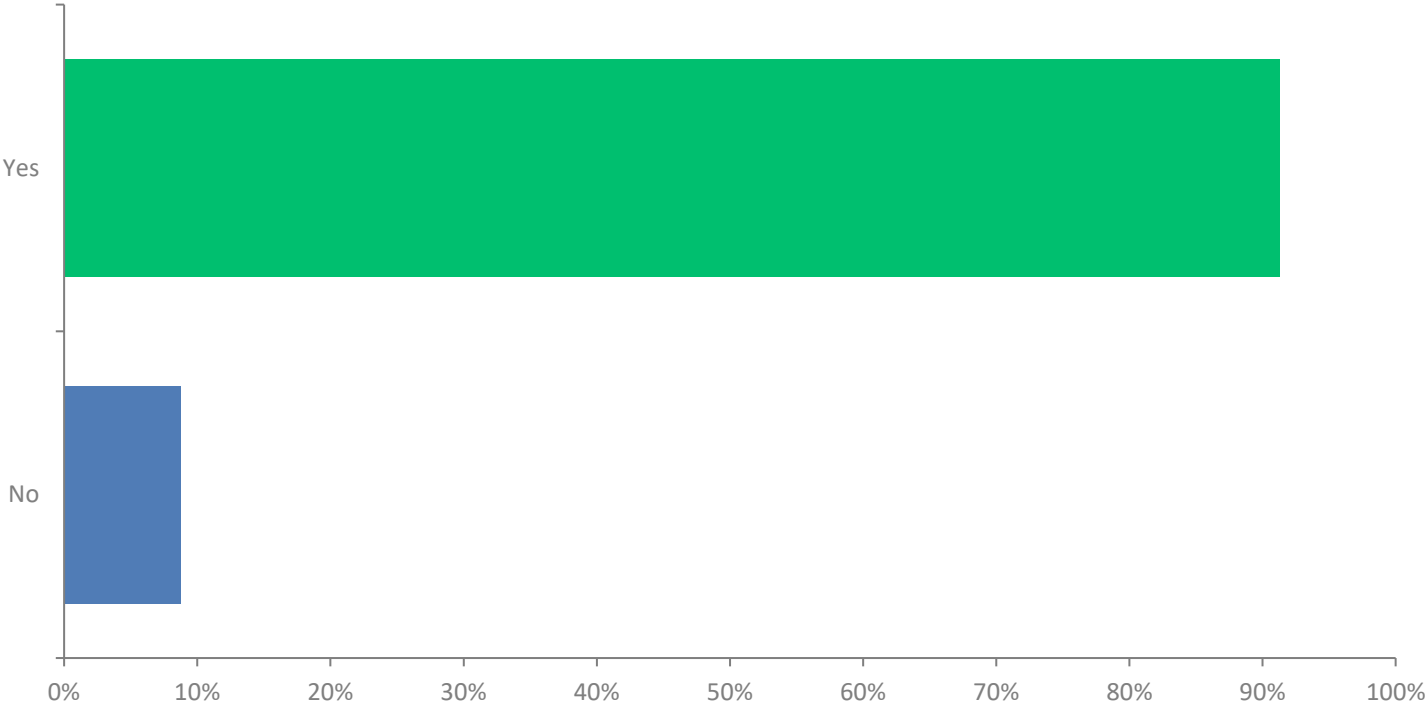
228 Total Responses

Date Created: Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Complete Responses: 228

Q1: Are you a Martinez resident?

Answered: 228 Skipped: 0



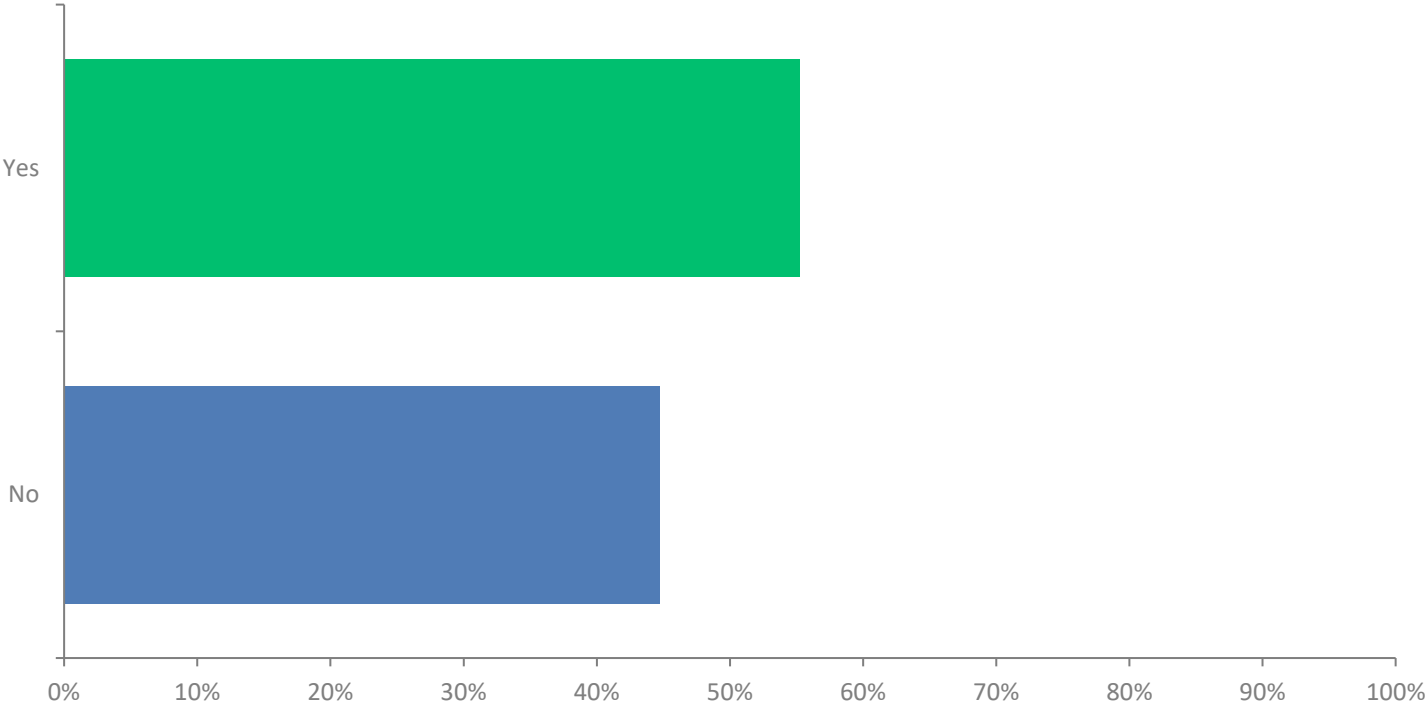
Q1: Are you a Martinez resident?

Answered: 228 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	91.23%	208
No	8.77%	20
TOTAL		228

Q2: Do you support the installation of a fence around the Ken Dothee Bocce Courts located at Waterfront Park as proposed by the Martinez Bocce Federation?

Answered: 228 Skipped: 0



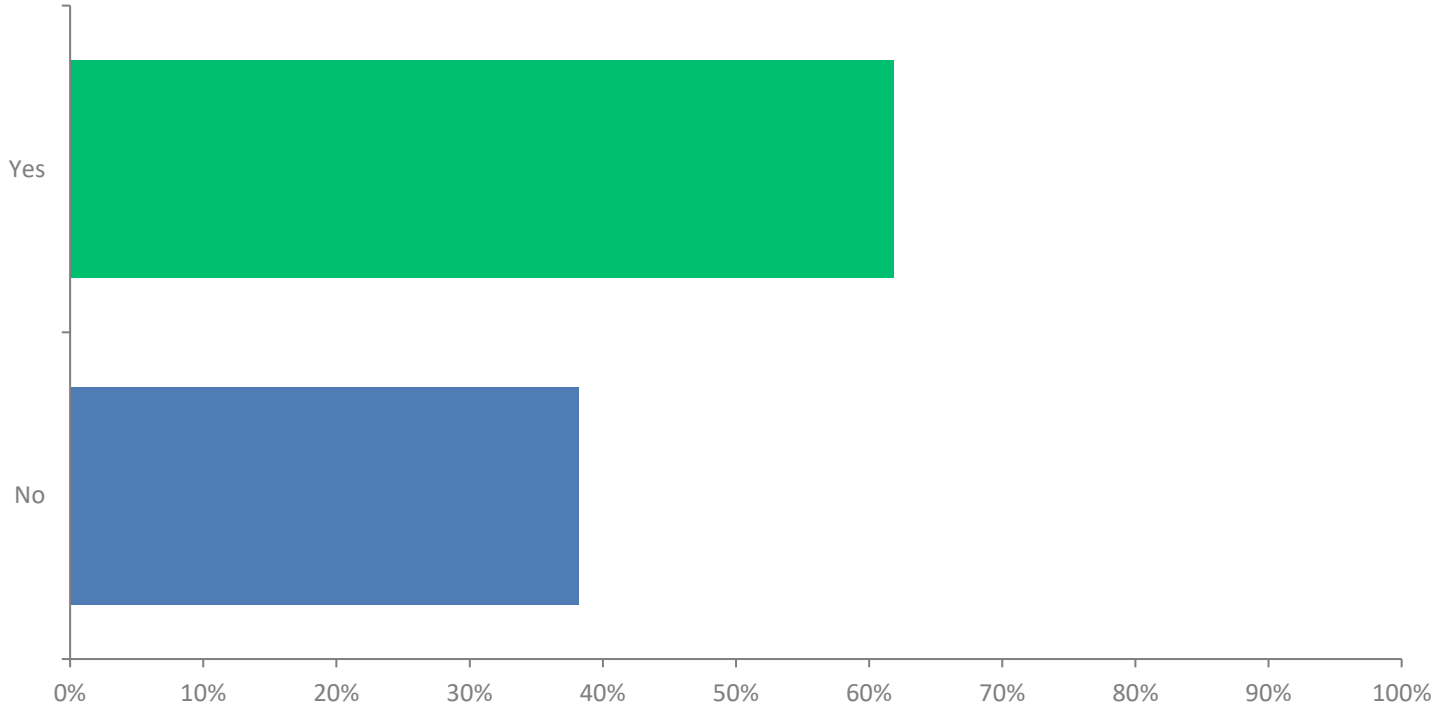
Q2: Do you support the installation of a fence around the Ken Dothee Bocce Courts located at Waterfront Park as proposed by the Martinez Bocce Federation?

Answered: 228 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	55.26%	126
No	44.74%	102
TOTAL		228

Q3: If a fence is installed around the Bocce Courts, do you support keeping its gates locked from dusk to dawn and during periods of rain and wet weather?

Answered: 228 Skipped: 0



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Answered: 228 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	61.84%	141
No	38.16%	87
TOTAL		228

Q4 Do you have any general comments to share with the Commission about the proposed fence?

Answered: 160 Skipped: 68

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	We haven't need a fence so far.....	3/21/2023 3:16 PM
2	This could set a precedent for fences in our parks which is totally opposite from our open space ideas especially since the Marina is being planned right now!	3/21/2023 3:01 PM
3	Putting a fence around the courts is a good idea!!	3/21/2023 2:51 PM
4	I have been a Martinez resident and a Bocce Baller for 40 years. I too am distressed by the vandalism that occurs at the courts but the fence is not a good answer to this problem.	3/21/2023 1:36 PM
5	If some members of the federation want a private fenced facility they should buy land and build it. This is a public park.	3/21/2023 1:32 PM
6	We have lived without fence for 45 years I feel it will ruin the charm of the facility it would be such a waste of money	3/21/2023 12:53 PM
7	A fence is not necessary for the Bocce courts. IF building of a fence passes, then it should be a low fence that does not obstruct the view to and through the courts. Max 4' tall and has multiple access points into the courts. The fence serves more as a perimeter outline to the courts and not a locked enclosure.	3/21/2023 12:44 PM
8	Public funds should not be used for this proposed fence. Cost should be the responsibility of MBF.	3/21/2023 9:10 AM
9	I don't think a fence will make the park area look more welcoming, and it would cost a lot for what seems like very little benefit. I'd much rather spend those resources on something else. I'm sure most people want the bocce courts to be in good shape. We could post a number of signs advising people to avoid the courts when wet. Fences are not the solution.	3/21/2023 8:47 AM
10	I've bocced for over ten years on these courts, there is NO NEED FOR ANY FENCES and please five feet ! In the last ten years I've never seen any damaged courts. The park flows and this proposed wanna B fence serves nothing. I Mary Lee Silva, bocce player in Martinez VOTE HELL "NO" ON BOCCE COURTS FENCED	3/20/2023 11:34 PM
11	We need more police patrol or city active involvement in clearing up homeless living in parking lots & bathrooms	3/20/2023 6:32 PM
12	I do not play bocce but certainly support trying to maintain from improper use. There are too many people that are not respectful of public property right now.	3/20/2023 4:51 PM
13	It is unfortunate that we have to put up a fence but to help maintain the courts in good condition it has become a necessary.	3/20/2023 4:20 PM
14	Public parks should stay public	3/20/2023 4:05 PM
15	Yes- it's an eye sore and a waste of money that could be used for other things this city needs, such as road repairs, and athletic field(s) improvements.	3/20/2023 3:28 PM
16	The Martinez Bocce Federation needs to buy suitable land and fence it to meet their security needs... not use city park land.	3/20/2023 1:26 PM
17	It's inappropriate to have it fenced since it is part of our recreation area.	3/20/2023 11:52 AM
18	This is a public park. The bocce federation acts like the own the courts! What is the recourse if they don't ALWAYS manage the gates??	3/20/2023 10:02 AM
19	Bocce Courts should be open to the public during the day	3/20/2023 9:12 AM
20	Martinez has rules about locking public parks. When I was on Council and try to lock the	3/20/2023 8:32 AM

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baseball fields that were getting abused by dogs, golfers and motorcycles up at hidden Lakes Park our staff insisted that was illegal. But yet somehow, bocce thinks they can do the same thing that could not happen at the baseball fields. Hi objective this. One rule for everybody or no rules for anybody.

21	Will protect and preserve this valuable public asset for generation to come.	3/20/2023 7:53 AM
22	This town is nuts.	3/20/2023 7:34 AM
23	Public parks should be open! Paid for by all the citizens of Martinez therefore control of accessibility should not be by a private club. Marina is being planned now, a new precedent set could become a negative element. The courts are damaged right now from rain. A fence is not going to stop regular maintenance.	3/20/2023 6:26 AM
24	The fence will split the park and make the area less desirable. Additionally the fence will create areas for trash to pile up.	3/19/2023 11:17 PM
25	This is public property and unless the Boccee Federation is paying market rate to lease this property it should not be fenced.	3/19/2023 8:20 PM
26	Public park amenities should be open to the public	3/19/2023 8:17 PM
27	Keep the courts open for everyone. It's a public park	3/19/2023 8:05 PM
28	Public park spaces should stay open for everyone	3/19/2023 7:44 PM
29	Keep public spaces public!	3/19/2023 7:43 PM
30	THE PARK IS FOR THE PUBLIC TO ENJOY!	3/19/2023 7:42 PM
31	Keep public spaces open for everyone to enjoy	3/19/2023 7:42 PM
32	Public spaces shouldn't be locked	3/19/2023 7:41 PM
33	It' a long time coming.	3/19/2023 7:40 PM
34	Public parks should not be locked!	3/19/2023 7:38 PM
35	30+ years of successful bocce without a fence. This is a public park. To depend on "citizens" who may have their own agenda to open and lock gates is a catastrophe waiting to happen, who does the public call if they forget?	3/19/2023 7:33 PM
36	The courts need to be protected from abuse, damage, garbage and other unmentionable things. The courts are for the purpose of playing bocce and enjoying food during play. All other clubs in other cities have benefited from securing the bocce courts with a fence.	3/19/2023 5:03 PM
37	Public park. Should not be fenced or lock.	3/19/2023 3:56 PM
38	The Martinez Bocce Federation Volunteers and City Parks has spent Relentless hours cleaning up maintaining the facility for many folks who have no respect for the betterment of others and property.	3/19/2023 3:44 PM
39	I am the bocce maintenance chairman Have been for 5 years I think the fence will help stop traffic through the courts during the rainy season Damage from human and animals And help curb vandalism It is so much harder for the federation to It is so much harder to prep and prepare courts for our season After so much wet weather damage is done to the courts Believe me when I say I know I'm one of the people that has to handle all the damage every year I think offense would help this greatly Thank you	3/19/2023 2:52 PM
40	Public park should not be exclusive. Precedent would be set for all other groups or clubs to want fences. Fenced off spaces in a public park is not consistent with our open space plans. A private club should not have control of opening or closing public park space.	3/19/2023 2:45 PM
41	Gates should be open later than dusk.	3/19/2023 12:33 PM
42	this is still an assinine idea for a community park	3/19/2023 11:54 AM
43	This is a bad idea, stemmed from people using the parking lot after hours. We don't need to spend money more on a fence around patch of dirt. It is a great location a French would be an eye sore against the playground which we frequent.	3/19/2023 10:55 AM
44	Bocce is a huge part of our community and history. If they feel that this is needed then they	3/19/2023 10:52 AM

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	should get it.	
45	First, this is a "public" park. second the Bocce courts have survived over 30 years of rain, kids riding bikes, transients, etc. without a fence. To depend on members of the Bocce federation to open and lock the gate each day at dawn/dusk is not a viable solution as there is no single point of accountability. What happens if the gates are not open at dawn? Who does the public contact? In addition, putting a five foot, locked fence clearly tells people you are not welcome. In addition, one of the talking points for building the fence is to help keep trash, hypodermic needles out. People will just poke things through the fence, throw them over, or most likely climb the fence. Personally I think it will open the entire park up for possible retaliation and property damage. The solution is for the City of Martinez to regularly patrol the marina and control trespassers accordingly.	3/19/2023 8:10 AM
46	Fences make it very uninviting, I've seen the locked courts at pleasanhill Park and it gives the entitled Bocce people the right to act like its just their space not a public one .	3/19/2023 7:21 AM
47	The fence is not necessary. Anyone planning to deface the courts will do so anyway. The esthetics of the courts and the surrounding play area will be defaced.	3/19/2023 5:14 AM
48	Protect the bocce courts from damage.	3/18/2023 9:42 PM
49	why a survey for the fence but we had no imput naming our courts after ken dothee. why is that	3/18/2023 8:44 PM
50	Not sure it's worth the expenditure or what issues are occurring that requires this measure	3/18/2023 7:16 PM
51	I think the fence is a great idea for the safety of all bocce players.	3/18/2023 6:47 PM
52	I think that's it is a waste of money	3/18/2023 6:37 PM
53	Yes. It's a solution looking for a problem. I've been playing for thirty years and the courts were always ready for play. I think the fence will ruin the ambiance of the park as a whole. Not enough entry points also. Big waste of money, and there are a lot more priorities to spend money on. Not tax payer money!	3/18/2023 6:17 PM
54	I do not play Bocce but martinez is well known for their league. Courts need to be kept immaculate and smooth. Unfortunately there is an element in downtown that can't behave or have no idea. Put the fence up as a way for some to respect the facility	3/18/2023 6:07 PM
55	I do not support a fence around the bocce courts. The park is an open space area and once one community group begins fencing their special interest, where will it stop. I understand there are folks at the marina who may be misusing the area but those folks will misuse any area and one fence will lead to another. It is a very unfortunate state of our world right now but fencing is not the answer to the bigger problem. I encourage you to not approve the request by the Martinez Bocce Federation.	3/18/2023 5:11 PM
56	Public spaces should remain open to the public.	3/18/2023 4:15 PM
57	Stop court vandalism.	3/18/2023 4:01 PM
58	I'm against the proposed fence, and then a perception, my convey that this is a private park area , for bocce ball players only	3/18/2023 3:26 PM
59	This is park of the park and it should remain open like all public parks.	3/18/2023 3:02 PM
60	Last year we could have played bocce for 4 months if we had a fence to protect the courts until dry after our only big rain. Because people used the courts too soon they were not available for use until April. What a waste of a wonderful resource especially for our older population.	3/18/2023 2:01 PM
61	Make it 8' tall not 5'	3/18/2023 12:52 PM
62	The type of people, That you would be trying to keep out ,will simply scale the fence, or cut holes in it!. wasted resources , and energy.	3/18/2023 11:17 AM
63	This is an insane proposal. It reeks of elitism when there is really nothing to protect. This is clearly another measure to punish the unhoused. I don't know who is expected to pay for it but regardless there are better uses of funds.	3/18/2023 11:11 AM
64	Please build the fence.	3/18/2023 10:45 AM

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65	I have witnessed the obuse of the courts and seen the results first hand from vagrents and or homeless and don't think it's right	3/18/2023 10:37 AM
66	I favor a fence as long as the courts are open during the day for free play when there is no league play.	3/18/2023 10:06 AM
67	It's important to me that it's unlocked for public use during daylight hours. We like to use the courts and are not part of a league.	3/18/2023 10:01 AM
68	The area should be left open; the un-housed will only cut thru the fence, climb over it, I guarantee you they'll damage it & then you're having to replace the fence. Other than the courts & the small food shack what else is there to disturb? I believe the fence is a bad idea, just my thoughts.	3/18/2023 9:36 AM
69	The fence will provide much needed protection of the bocce courts	3/18/2023 9:09 AM
70	Only a select few from the commission want it. I play bocce and almost nobody wants it. This is more of an "internal" disagreement.	3/18/2023 8:58 AM
71	The park is for the community and installing a fence around a large portion of the park will make it exclusive and unwelcoming.	3/18/2023 8:51 AM
72	My daughter and I have a great time walking around the bocce courts (above the playing surfaces, not on them), and we hope to continue to do that. We are hoping that if a fence is installed, that it will be used to beautify the area, and not to detract from the open look and nature of the park. Please choose the fencing material wisely, as to not introduce an eyesore to the open nature of the waterfront area.	3/18/2023 8:36 AM
73	It needs to be up only when the lease is on, and always unlocked!	3/18/2023 7:55 AM
74	I am a member of the bocce federation. We were not even notified that a proposal was submitted, nor was the membership informed of this upcoming meeting. I oppose a fence of any kind. I think locking any part of a public part, and handing the keys to an outside organization is a very bad idea. It seems as if the bocce federation wants sole use of the bocce courts, which was not what was intended. The courts were built in a city park to help introduce and promote the game to the public. It seems that the federation has no use for new members, and people with a casual interest. I knew Ken Dothee, I remember when these first courts were built. The idea was that anybody could come down and try their hand at this game. His intention was never to create an elitist organization, with a closed membership, and a fence, and a locked gate. And as a member of the community, I find the idea of a fence around the courts, visually appalling to the design of the park. This is a totally unnecessary expense. Money could be put to better use by building another court. One that could be used by park-goers, during the evening, when league play is going on. As it is now, there are many people waiting to be on a team, many teams waiting to join the league, and many curious members of the community. If I am being asked "how best to serve the community?" Then the answer is clearly, "no fence...(and possibly,build another court)" if I am being asked, "how best to serve bocce, the game, the sport?", then the answer is clearly, "no fence, let the public feel welcomed to watch, to inquire, and perhaps, to participate". If I am being asked, "how best to serve the bocce federation?" I say, I think that someone must just wanna win this so bad that their short term goals have clouded their judgement, and that that person has lost sight of long-term goals, perpetuating the sport, and the health of this federation". For it to continue to thrive, New members, are a necessity. Building a barrier between potential new members, and the courts, does not aid in that aspect of the federation's responsibility to the very game of it's origin.	3/18/2023 7:40 AM
75	Are you going to build a fence around the entire downtown area and lock it at night to keep the drug addicts from padding out there? That's all this is. People wanting special authority to keep homeless and drug addicts out. Deal with the actual problem everywhere. Maybe stop Richmond and other cities from bussing them here?	3/18/2023 7:18 AM
76	A five foot fence is useless and a waste of tax payer money...	3/18/2023 7:03 AM
77	N/A	3/18/2023 6:33 AM
78	Waste of tax payer \$. This shouldn't even had made it this far.	3/18/2023 6:22 AM
79	WHO IS GOING TO PAY FOR THE FENCE....AND WHO ACTUALLY OWNS THE PROPERTY??????AND WHAT DAMAGE ARE THEY TRYING TO PREVENT?????AND HOW MUCH OF THE PARK WILL ACTUALLY BE Fenced?????	3/18/2023 6:13 AM

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80	While its sad that a nice facility like the Bocce courts has to be fenced to help prevent vandalism and damage from those who have no respect for anyone's property, it's the harsh reality we must face. Maybe some day when those who carelessly abuse and destroy our treasures such as the Boccee courts have a change of heart we won't need fences. Until then, its the wise thing to do	3/18/2023 6:02 AM
81	None	3/18/2023 6:00 AM
82	Yes. Why is this decision taking so long? If you want bocce courts that won't be ruined by homeless people breaking into the shed and stealing espensive items or destroying them 'just because', or thoughtless people using the courts when it rains, or kids ruining the courts by riding their bicycles or scooters all over them, then a fence is needed. Also, as I am sure most of you are aware, the bocce federation would like to make much needed improvements to the courts and clubhouse; however these efforts will be worthless if they cannot be protected. The softball fields have fences to protect their areas. You have fences around your homes and backyards for the same reasons. Why is that? I would guess that it is to protect your property. The bocce federation wants nothing more than to keep the area nice for everyone.	3/18/2023 5:33 AM
83	I feel it would be easier to try to maintain the courts during times of adverse weather.	3/17/2023 9:59 PM
84	The courts are part of the park and should be available for folks to use when they are enjoying the park. I've seen people at the picnic tables whether or not they are playing bocce. It should remain open and accessible.	3/17/2023 8:49 PM
85	Other than the summer leagues, nobody needs to be on these courts from dusk to dawn. A fence would do just that!	3/17/2023 7:30 PM
86	Bocce ball is a great addition to Martinez, let's help keep the sport alive.	3/17/2023 7:29 PM
87	It needs to be done.	3/17/2023 7:11 PM
88	It makes sense to protect the bocce courts from unintended/misuse .	3/17/2023 7:11 PM
89	Efforts to protect the courts, such as lights, signage, cones in the courts, cameras, etc have not been investigated by the MBF. It is a public park and should be available to all. This Federation has been in existence for almost 50 years and the Federation has always been able to repair any damage done, which has been infrequent.	3/17/2023 6:56 PM
90	I understand the problem. But, a fence is extremely off-putting . It defeats the concept of "open spaces." Also, a fence that high begs to be vandalized and "gotten over"	3/17/2023 5:59 PM
91	I don't agree with fences and lock the gates on public park lands. These parks are for the use of everyone not exclusive use for certain Park users. I understand they may be frustrated with people walking in the courts but this is a public park and they can of course set up bocce courts on private property so they can have more control if that's what they're wanting. Thank you for this opportunity to voice my opinion.	3/17/2023 5:35 PM
92	Does the public have a right to use the bocce courts? Seems to be exclusive.	3/17/2023 4:57 PM
93	The MBF community incurs considerable financial costs and many man hours cleaning and repairing to prepare for the bocce season. There has been a significant increase in damage each year and the fence will help in minimizing damage.	3/17/2023 4:51 PM
94	We've waited too long to get the security we need. A minority with no rationale has been vocal against this fence for far too long	3/17/2023 4:44 PM
95	Why wreck the view and the sense of community for something that won't work anyway?	3/17/2023 4:27 PM
96	The courts should not be named Ken Dothee Bocce courts.	3/17/2023 4:11 PM
97	As a longtime player and member of MBF, I fully support this proposal.	3/17/2023 4:04 PM
98	Would not like the look-more need for the look of open spaces and not locking things up.	3/17/2023 3:54 PM
99	This is a public park. The bocce federation only leases it 6 months out of the year. It makes no sense to fence it year round. Also, I believe the former commissioner and his friends are pushing for it in hopes of eventually getting approval for a liquor license which would prevent the tradition of bringing our own food and drink to games.	3/17/2023 3:53 PM
100	We do need the fence around the bocce courts to protect them from damage during wet	3/17/2023 3:50 PM

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weather and form destruction of bocce property I have personally witnessed fires being lit at the bocce courts by the homeless, needles and garbage left all over the place. They also need to have the homeless meet in another place on Thursday mornings for breakfast and coffee it not only takes up parking stalls but they always leave a mess

101	We need a fence to protect our beautiful courts from damage	3/17/2023 3:44 PM
102	Anyone who wants to trespass can jump over a 5 ft fence. I suggest planting a green hedge instead of a steel fence.	3/17/2023 3:37 PM
103	1. Courts should be open to the public, this fence not needed. But if gates are open all day, then what's the point?	3/17/2023 3:36 PM
104	This is an absolute waste of money. Courts have been in existence for over 30 years with no fence and there have been no issues. This will only encourage people to illegally gain access to the Courts when not in use and erect shelters. As being inn an enclosed area offers some form of security. No No No do not place a fence around the Courts which are on City land and are located within a regional park.d	3/17/2023 3:30 PM
105	More details/info needed to explain "misuse" and "damages". Are homeless peps sleeping, shitting and leaving trash in this area overnight? Fences don't solve our ridiculous homeless problem, it only moves it to another spot. A fence is an eye sore, to an already not-very-pretty area...	3/17/2023 3:23 PM
106	A fence is going to look horrible. And it's completely useless at the height you're mentioning. The Martinez Bocce Federation has been around for almost 50 years. If they're concerned about the well being of this honored institution, I suggest taking the 2,000+ active members, forming a cooperative, instituting frequent clean-up days, and changing the location of the bocce courts so that they're not in such a prevalent area where other Martinez residents may want to picnic, have larger and more publicized events that can generate income to support some of the pier restoration, and think about the future of the entire city, rather than a very important and resourceful membership that is less than 10% of the Martinez population. Bocce is no doubt important to the residents, but a useless fence will simply be a blight.	3/17/2023 3:23 PM
107	Fence benefits: Safety for maintenance of tables, and benches. Cleanliness of bocce area. Keeping people from playing or walking on courts when wet, and damaging surface.	3/17/2023 3:22 PM
108	what's next ? for the elite to lock up tennis/ballfields/ soccer fields/basketballcourts	3/17/2023 3:20 PM
109	Hopefully it will help to keep courts up better	3/17/2023 3:16 PM
110	A fence will keep dogs from getting in the courts and keep kid's bicylces from ruining the courts when wet. a	3/17/2023 3:11 PM
111	Stop taking things away. Martinez Bocce fed would dictate when it will open? Go ahead and put a fence around but no locks	3/17/2023 2:43 PM
112	Common sense says build a fence.	3/17/2023 2:40 PM
113	As long as the courts are accessible to the community during the daytime (and not require reservation), I am in favor.	3/17/2023 2:40 PM
114	It's public property. Anyone should be able to use the courts at anytime.	3/17/2023 2:36 PM
115	This is a popular facility. The City and the Bocce Federation should protect it from vandalism so that is remains in a useable condition for public use during good weather.	3/17/2023 2:34 PM
116	Who is paying for this? If it the users of the bocce courts I would support. If they are asking the city, which actually means me and every other resident, no way. There are so many other more deserving and needed items to address in Martinez before bocce.	3/17/2023 2:24 PM
117	Please no fence ! Let's keep it open for all the folks to play . Love the new sign !	3/17/2023 1:53 PM
118	It wouldn't keep anyone out that really wanted to get in and I could see them not unlocking it. Who would people complain to and what would be the result if they did complain. Probably nothing.	3/17/2023 1:47 PM
119	Been a part of the mbf for 7 years. Literally nobody I talk to wants a fence. That would be horrible	3/17/2023 1:34 PM
120	Definitely needed. Have seen frequent 'vandalism' from bikes on the courts. I suspect if issues	3/17/2023 1:17 PM

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	aren't solved the Martinez Bocce Federation would work with the City ti make any needed adjustments.	
121	It would be helpful to know why they want a fence and what it would look like. When I click on the proposal it only takes me to the meeting agenda which does not give that info.	3/17/2023 1:16 PM
122	Should be open daily rain or shine.	3/17/2023 1:14 PM
123	As a Martinez resident, I frequently enjoy the entire Martinez Waterfront Park area by either walking alone or hosting family events in the park. I support the fence around the Ken Dothee Bocce Courts because the projected fence appears to allow a fairly unrestricted view through the Bocce Courts to the trees and open space, while providing an attractive deterrent to vandalism. I am proud to have the Bocce Ball teams meeting at the Martinez Marina. I don't play the game myself, although I know others who have greatly enjoyed the lively tournaments. I am grateful for their presence in our Waterfront Park so I approve this action to protect their courts. My family often enjoys "Family Picnic" day, using the West Picnic Area as our central base. The older kids play in the Muir Meadow or drive remote control cars on the path around it. They may see tadpoles in the little creek near the restroom. The younger kids love the Playground and making friends there. We always visit the ducks. I am proud to chat with other parents as we watch our families grow up here in Martinez. Good job Martinez City Council for supporting these family activities!	3/17/2023 1:12 PM
124	Should have be done ling ago. Other associations in the area have fences around their courts.	3/17/2023 1:09 PM
125	It is sad this needs to be done, but is necessary.	3/17/2023 12:29 PM
126	I have played Bocce for over 30 years a fence is definitely needed to keep the courts in good shape foe the time that wr maintthem (money included). I purchase a bence down there and it has already been vandalized. Please let us put up a fence, it won't stop everything bot sure will help.	3/17/2023 12:23 PM
127	If the Federation cannot or does not keep to the locking and unlocking schedule, the City should consider requiring removal of the fence rather than allowing the fence to remain with gates unlocked. The appearance of a fence creates a barrier within to a public facility within a public park.	3/17/2023 12:04 PM
128	We need to just let the marina return to nature. End money and just help each other. A fence is only going to scar the earth further.	3/17/2023 12:03 PM
129	Unfortunately a 5 ft. fence will not deter someone from entering the courts. It would be a waste of funds & a liability if someone were to fall while climbing the fence. I understand the need of fencing, however a 5ft. Fence doesn't seem like a viable solution.	3/17/2023 11:58 AM
130	Martinez has wonderful BOCCE courts that we enjoy playing on individually. it would be nice if the local BOCCE Federation was more inviting to local residents.	3/17/2023 11:45 AM
131	This is a glaring need to protect one of our community's most valuable assets from court damage and vandalism, which results in expensive repairs that bocce players have to pay for.	3/17/2023 11:39 AM
132	The grant of use of such large plot to the Bocce Federation is generous enough, they should be grateful and willing to share rather than becoming entitled and territorial.	3/17/2023 11:35 AM
133	If this proposal is approved...why not also fence off the parks for children, the pier and the trails?	3/17/2023 11:30 AM
134	Hopefully this should detour unwanted guests from entering and damaging the court property which in the long run would lower repair and maintenance costs!	3/17/2023 11:29 AM
135	The park was created to be used by all members of the public. The fencing and gates would exclude the public. There is already a park currently in effect for the hours of darkness.	3/17/2023 11:28 AM
136	No	3/17/2023 11:28 AM
137	This proposal is well thought and planned to preserve the bocce courts for their intended use. This will benefit the public snd	3/17/2023 11:18 AM
138	I believe that a fence around the bocce courts would be an eyesore and is unnecessary. This area is the very first spot that one sees when they drive into the Martinez marina and as a visual introduction to one of our town's marquee attractions is decidedly not what we as a	3/17/2023 11:18 AM

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citizenry want to project to the rest of the world. I am down at the marina 4-6 times a week and the sight of an ugly fence as I turn into this beautiful area is completely abhorrent to me. We are in the midst of a long term marina development plan and to promote a lovely waterfront while at the same time erecting an ugly fence as the very first thing one sees upon entering this area is not at all what we want. I spoke out against the fence at the last PRMCC meeting when it came up and since then I have been walking through the bocce area once every few weeks or so. There have been no examples of vandalism or bikes riding through the courts whatsoever in all this time. This argument does not hold water and please do not let the small number of people who desire a fence convince you otherwise. What I have seen is damage caused by rain and leaves falling on the courts; this obviously will not be fixed with a fence. Fences are exclusive and exclusionary and this is not the message we need to be promoting. Plus, there are many public events such as the Father's Day BBQ in the meadow in front of the courts; to have an ugly fence directly in everyone's view for such events is a bad idea and bad for the city. Please think of all the residents of Martinez and all the visitors to our marina and not simply the small number of bocce federation members who want a fence.

139	I'd rather see the \$30K-\$40K money spent on CORE and police services to deal with problem vagrants.	3/17/2023 11:16 AM
140	I have seen that fencing around parks and courts in both Martinez and in nearby communities minimizes damage during off-times. I fully support a fence around the Bocce courts, but believe that a locked gate is not needed at this time. I do support the inclusion of a locked gate in the future if continued destruction of the bocce courts persists. Thank you.	3/17/2023 11:15 AM
141	5' is easy to jump/climb/throw stuff over.	3/17/2023 11:13 AM
142	This is a long overdue improvement to the Bocce Courts! The endless upkeep to courts left unattended is unsustainable. Time to make this necessary change to keep the courts and this lovely tradition secured.	3/17/2023 11:11 AM
143	I think a fence will look terrible. It will also get in the way of people and I think it is a bad idea.	3/17/2023 11:11 AM
144	This would be a common sense move...	3/17/2023 11:11 AM
145	I support the fencing to prevent misuse and damage to the area during off-hours. Keep in mind that you would be allowing a private group to install fencing, preventing the general public access to their facilities and putting them at the mercy of this group. How will you hold this group responsible if the gates aren't unlocked as agreed to and will the city take over control of daily access through gates if the agreement isn't upheld?	3/17/2023 11:10 AM
146	I understand the need to protect the courts. But you seem to be pretending to be unaware of the real issue. Use the money to get all the homeless junkies out of the park! If you want to do both fine, but building the fence while letting our park continue to be a heroin addict hangout and residence is the real issue! When my kids play ball at dimaggio, there is that whole crew of drunken, smack shooting vehicle dwellers hanging out. Every night. I am all for protecting property including the bocce facility. But why build a fence and still have the same nuisance living outside it? If you want to treat the symptoms great, but please also cure the disease!! The biggest problem in martinez is not the need for more fences. People need to know they cannot use our town as a place to live on the streets, shoot drugs, commit crimes, and harass law abiding folks. Having needle disposal containers in vathrooms used by children, while doing nothing to get the junkies away abd ubto either treatmebt or hail, is disgraceful. Please help!!!!	3/17/2023 11:09 AM
147	They have a fence at the Fairfield senior center. Since they are not used in the winter the fences are draped with tarps and are a wall for homeless shelters. When un use the move into the park. Will we be faced with the same problem. They have a Porta potty building cleaned regularly. We still will have to use the filthy park restrooms. Will the fence upset some people to cause more damage. Lastly. How do to ban the public from using them ? Answered yes on the fence. Would rather that not be a question without more answers and details.	3/17/2023 11:03 AM
148	A fence will help keep the courts in good condition if they are tall enough.	3/17/2023 11:01 AM
149	It should be made clear when the gates would be open. I wouldn't want to show up on a Tuesday afternoon to find that the gates haven't been unlocked. There is already a similar problem with the bathrooms at the marina- they seem to be locked at random hours	3/17/2023 11:01 AM
150	The fence is not necessary. It would alter the esthetics of the courts and the adjoining area. Genes will not keep those off the courts who intend harm to the complex.	3/17/2023 10:58 AM

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151	Is there significant enough damage to the courts to warrant this? A fenced off exclusive area at our Waterfront Park just doesn't seem to fit.	3/17/2023 10:57 AM
152	Appreciate the fence design. Glad it is not chain-link fencing.	3/17/2023 10:55 AM
153	Address the parking lot loitering and associated trash from the vagrant, homeless, or unhoused.	3/17/2023 10:53 AM
154	Bocce has a long history with Martinez residents and those who participate in the activity deserve to feel safe!	3/17/2023 10:52 AM
155	I'm generally opposed to more restrictive measures in public spaces. I'd rather make public spaces more inclusive and expand them. Also, if a public spaces is restricted I'd prefer that it be remediated in turn with improvements or expansion of public space	3/17/2023 10:51 AM
156	It sounds hideous. It will create an exclusionary atmosphere. It's not the Federation's space; it's the public's.	3/17/2023 10:50 AM
157	Last year our Bocce court had to be maintained over and over due to abuse. If the city of Martinez isn't going to maintain bathrooms to acceptable levels and keep the courts clean then we need a fence to help.	3/17/2023 10:50 AM
158	The Bocce community needs to keep its facilities secure and this will help. We do not play, but we appreciate those who do. Those courts are one big reason Martinez has a reputation beyond the city limits.	3/17/2023 10:49 AM
159	too many fances !	3/17/2023 10:46 AM
160	If a fence is needed the Martinez Bocce Federation can purchase a lot themselves and maintain it	3/17/2023 10:45 AM

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 11:00:48 AM
To: City of Martinez Communications [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Bocce court fence; No, Thank You!

Hello,

I am likely not able to attend tonight's meeting and discussion on the proposed fence around our public park at the Bocce courts.

The issue is mostly that kids ride their bikes on it. A camera, along with enforcement, is a better option.

Further, the Martinez Bocce Federation did NOT poll their dues paying members. Further, they did not even poll the Capos (team captains).

I have personally spoken to about thirty Martinez Bocce Federation members. Nobody wants the "prison fence".

It would not only be unsightly, it blocks off a public park from public access.

Having one person to "hold the key and decide when to open it or not" is not an acceptable option.

The federation should consider re-hiring the man who used to groom the courts. He lives near the bocce courts in his van with his wife and dogs, thus he could certainly use the money. He did an excellent job!

I've got babysitting of my neighbor's kids tonight, thus my inability to attend in person. I will attempt to attend via zoom. However, they might need my help with homework or just some "Oma play time!"

I'd prefer to give them my full attention, but I didn't want my absence at the meeting to seem like I don't care. I do!

Thank you for your public service and all the extra work you do to help us thrive as a community. It matters!

Happy Spring!

Best regards,



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NAME: DONNA ALLEN

ORGANIZATION: Marx Bocce Fed

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I wish to speak on Item # 5, and I am (choose below):

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